# **St. Joseph Ridge Parish** W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601 October 17, 2021

### PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338 bchennala@diolclergy.org

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

(Infinited capacity 125 persons)	
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30am

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass	8:30am
Monday	5:30pm
TuesdayAdoration	5:00 pm
Mass	5:30pm
Thursday	8:30am

### **CONFESSIONS**

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment

### **PARISH OFFICE**

Amy Stafslien, Admin. Assist......608-788-1646 Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday sjrp2601@gmail.com Open most Tuesdays and Fridays

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Coordinators: Stacy Burns and Paula Silha

### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Mary Jo Hess (Secretary), Terry Dickman, Dave Brown (B&G and Cemetery Rep), Barb Braun and Dan Steiger

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Brown (Cemetery Rep), Teresa Brown, Lori Clements (PCCW Rep), Stan Clements, Ann Degenhardt, Terry Dickman (Finance Council Rep), Bob Kotek, and Bill Weber (Secretary)

### **PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women**

Lori Clements (President), Mary Jo Hess (Treasurer), Jill Murphy (Secretary)

### **CEMETERY SEXTON**

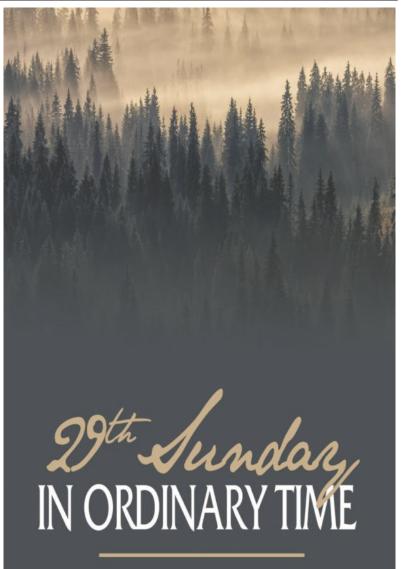
Dave Brown ......608-792-1006 dbrown039@centurytel.net

#### **MUSIC**

Stacy Burns, Coordinator......608-769-8828 jsburns0093@gmail.com Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

# CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (also call Fr. Biju cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited



"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:45



# Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to December 8, 2021

> Diocese of La Crosse

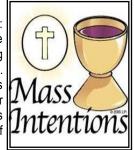
# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

# La Crosse, Wisconsin

PARISH INTENTIONS	PARISH CALENDAR
SATURDAY, October 16th         The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time         -4:00pm Mass         Icctor: Donnie Weber         Ushers: Volunteers         SUNDAY, October 17th         The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time         -8:30am Mass         -†William, Rosie, Frank and Dennis         Lector: Donna Clement         Ushers: Volunteers         MONDAY, October 18th         St. Luke, Evangelist         -5:30pm Mass         -†Steven B. Hundt         TUESDAY, October 19th         SS John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions         -5:30pm Mass         -5:30pm Mass         -5:30pm Mass         -5:30pm Mass         -5:00pm Adoration         -5:30pm Mass         -5:30pm Mass         -5:30pm Mass         -5:30pm Mass         -5:00pm Adoration         -5:30pm Mass         -5:30pm Mass         -7HURSDAY, October 21st         Weekday         -8:30am Mass         -7Lewis Thesing         SATURDAY, October 23rd         The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time         -4:00pm Mass         -7Earl Martin	<ul> <li>October 16-25 ~ Amy on Mission Trip, contact Fr. Biju for administrative needs</li> <li>October 17 ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022 mailing should reach households around this date</li> <li>October 20 ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)</li> <li>October 23/24 ~ World Mission Sunday, special collection during Mass</li> <li>October 27 ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)</li> <li>November 1 ~ All Saints' Day</li> <li>November 2 ~ All Souls Day, Mass 5:30 PM</li> <li>November 3 ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)</li> <li>November 4 ~ Pastor al Councils/Fundraising Meeting 7 PM</li> <li>November 10 ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)</li> </ul>
Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers <u>SUNDAY, October 24th</u> The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - <u>8:30am</u> Mass -Our Parish Family Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers	Confessions First Saturday after Mass or by appointment (please call or message Fr. Biju directly to set up a time).

### Mass Intentions

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Dec 23 and 30. Jan 6, 10, and 11. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning Jan 1st. **Weekend Mass** opening Jan 29. February 6, 20, & 26 or 17. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are available in the back of church.

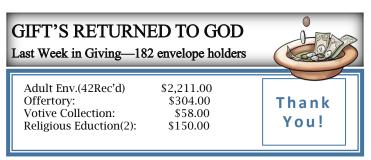




Donations: Here are some ways to contribute:

- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <u>https://</u> <u>diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/</u> (processing fees will be deducted from your contribution, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH)
- Drop off a contribution in the church donation box
- Mail in your weekly/monthly offering to parish office (W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601)
- If you use online banking and would like make your contribution using **bill pay**, set up St. Joseph Ridge Parish as a payment and the bank will mail it directly to the parish.

Adoration of the	Eucharistic
<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	MAN
is held each Tuesday from	AND WE
5:00pm until Mass at 5:30pm.	Adoration



### DID YOU KNOW?

If you are 70  $\frac{1}{2}$  or older, you can do a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 a year from your IRA directly to a charity. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD.

Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Joseph Parish as your charity of choice.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time "What do you wish me to do for you?"

Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. Some of our prayer come from our ambition in life. Just like James and John, the sons of Zebedee in today's Gospel. They were requesting for the positions of importance. Unfortunately, their request was not granted. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our needs. Rather what we need from God is a relationship that guides us in all moments of life.

I attended the Fall Clergy Conference in La Crosse last Monday and Tuesday. There were a lot of talks on the establishment of the "Western Wisconsin Catholic Foundation," and a capital campaign. We also had an inaugural Mass on synod of synodality in the diocesan level presided by our Bishop. Pope Francis on 10 October 2021 opened "A Synod on Synodality." In preparation for the 2023 Universal Synod. It is a two-year process starting from October 10, 2021, to October 2023. Fr Alan M Guanella is to coordinate the participation of the Diocese of La Crosse in this effort. Each parish will have a special meeting of the pastoral council to address ten areas of interest. We are supposed to receive these questions fairly soon.

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal is coming up. The time frame for the initial launch of this year's Annual Appeal is still October 17. There will not be an in Parish Annual Appeal DVD/Video presentation. This year our share is \$21,850.00. You may have received your mailing from the Diocese, if not, it is on its way. Every year we support the mission of the wider church through this annual appeal.

November 2nd is a special day in the life of the Church, as we take time to pray for our deceased family members and friends who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. St. Joseph Parish will be holding a special Requiem Mass November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5.30 PM, to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died. You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be available in the Church during November.

Next Sunday, October 24 will be the 95th year of celebrating World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generous gift to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the second collection next weekend will help the work of priests, religious and lay people throughout the world.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made yourself present for the appreciation dinner. Once again, I sincerely thank you for all your good works. Thanks to all who organized it, too.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Eugene Clements. Eugene donated his time, labor, talents, and materials to repair the men's restroom wall in the church. Thank you so much for your efforts and generosity.

Have a good week!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

# Email: <u>sjrp2601@gmail.com</u>

## PARISH NEWS

### We are proud to announce the baptism of: Cameron Kenneth Morgan

Child of Benjamin R. Morgan and Melissa K. Meinking-Morgan



### **World Mission Sunday**

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

### Be Present, Be Counted

Be mindful that the Diocesan wide October Mass attendance for 4 weekends in October concluding the 23rd and 24th. Please make sure that you are present in Church, so that you are counted.

### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**



We ask you to please take a moment to consider your contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. All monies collected are used to serve the Lord by funding those ministries that work to provide relief for the needs of all God's people in our communities by making a significant and positive impact on the lives of our neighbors. For more information see the brochures in back or visit: <u>https://diolc.org/</u> stewardship/ Mailings from the Diocese should be

reaching you home soon. If you do not receive a card, there are some posted in the back of church or you may give online at: <u>https://</u> <u>diolc.org/donate-online/</u> Under Parish: choose: 2021 (496) St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Ridge. Thank you for your generosity. All funds received beyond our target are returned to the parish.

# DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

### How to Help Children and Teens Desire God

If you are interested in listening to a webinar on Fostering Desire for God in Children and Teens, which will include how to help children and teens love His Church and not just go through programs or be informed in a classroom", please contact Ann at alankford@diolc.org. Dr. Bill Keimig from the Catechetical Institute presents this webinar and is available to all.

### Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet with Bishop - Oct 18

Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: "Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body." Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 pm – Banquet; 7:45 pm – Presentation; Cost: \$20/person \$10/students. All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit diolc.org/ gospeloflife



## DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

### Turkey Dinner—Oct 20

On Wednesday October 20th St. Mary's Church in Viroqua will hold their annual Turkey Dinner along with dressing, potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, cranberries, bread & pie at a cost of \$12.50. This will be a carry out only dinner that will begin at 4 PM and go until 7 PM or sold out. There will also be a Quilt raffle.

### The Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph"

There are still spots available to be with us! We are very excited to invite you to join us for the 2021 Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph!" On Saturday, October 23, 2021, we have a seat for you. You will hear from nationally known speakers: Jon Leonetti and Monsignor Joseph Hirsch. The day will also include a time of Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And there is more exciting news! Dads, you can bring your high school and college-age sons with you at no extra charge (Free spots are limited)! What a great experience for fathers and sons to have together! o register, please visit menofthecross.org.

### Fr. Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Dinner – Nov. 5

Benefitting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II: You are invited to attend the Father Joseph Walijewski Guild Dinner Benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, November 5 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 130 Losey Blvd S, La Crosse, WI. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner and a program. Please RSVP online at homeajpm.org/events or via email by Wednesday, October 27. If you have any questions, contact Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org or 715.297.5139.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

After the last year-plus consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming date November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Also, call for information on a 2022 date in the Diocese of La Crosse. Register at <u>lowa-wwme.org</u> or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

# DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

## KIDS CORNER







Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS in today's first reading. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

The Lord was PLEASED to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin, he shall see his descendents in a long LIFE, and the will of the Lord will be accomplished through him.

Because of his AFFLICTION he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS; through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall JUSTIFY many, and their GUILT he shall bear.



### St. Peters, Middle Ridge

Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM Weekend Mass: Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:00 AM Weekday Mass: Wed. and Fri. 8:00 AM

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- All those who are suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.
- For Mora Mikshowsky and all children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- For all Religious in our Diocese, especially Matt Kotek.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com